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WHAT WILL MOTHER SAY?

In his Bill dealing with the guardianship of infants Lord Asquith proposes that every mother shall be guardian jointly with the father for all purposes and have equal authority, rights and responsibilities, and that both parents shall be liable for the maintenance and education of their children according to their means.

COLONEL'S TRAGIC DIARY.

NIGHTS OF TORMENT.

MAN WHO HAD BEEN MAULED BY TIGER.

A poignant document—the diary of a man who was a prey to "thoughts" and depression—was produced at the inquest at Hammersmith on Colonel Charles Edward Shepherd, aged 79, who was found dead on the balcony at his residence, Stanhope Gardens, Kensington, with his throat cut.

Deceased's son-in-law, William Cecil Burnard, a barrister, stated that his father-in-law was a retired Indian Army officer. He had recently returned from a nursing home, and once he told witness that he was a good deal depressed at nights, when evil thoughts came over him which led him to contemplate suicide.

Witness was not aware that the Colonel had had malaria, but knew that when he was shooting in India he got badly mauled by a tiger. He had tried to persuade the Colonel to throw off the fits of depression and was met with the remark: "You cannot realise how these evil thoughts keep dinging in my head."

LAST WORDS.

Witness produced deceased's diary, which contained the following entries made by deceased:—

Feb. 27.—Thoughts depressed and most unusual to-night.

March 1.—Bad thoughts persistent.

March 2.—Rather maddening thoughts.

March 7.—Very bad nights, very distressing thoughts.

March 9.—Slept fairly well, but depressing thoughts all day and part of night.

March 14.—Depressing thoughts, not quite so persistent.

March 16.—Not a good night. Rigors bad.

March 17.—Those depressing thoughts still obsess me. Rigors again.

A chambermaid, Mary Packer, spoke to finding the body of the Colonel. Hearing her screams, said this witness, Mrs. Shepherd came into the room, but her daughter took her away before she could see what had happened.

Dr. A. Baldock, who had attended deceased for the past 25 years, said the Colonel had an attack of malaria while in India. Lately he had taken a gloomy and unjustifiable view of his condition.

The Coroner (Mr. H. R. Oswald) returned a verdict of suicide while of unsound mind, and said that possibly the fact that the Colonel had been mauled by a tiger and had also had malaria affected his condition.

SAD LOT OF A BRIDE.

Driven Out after the Death of Her Husband.

A young Jewish widow sued her late husband's relatives, at Shoreditch county court yesterday, for the return of various articles of their value, £33 9s.

Counsel stated that a few weeks after her marriage the woman's husband was taken ill and was removed to his sister's place, and she accompanied him. There she was taken complete control of, was not allowed to see her dying husband except when someone was in her company, and she was driven out of the house after the funeral, with no money.

Meanwhile her belongings were transferred from her lodgings to defendants.

Judge Clier gave judgment for plaintiff for £30 15s. Costs would be on the £50 to £100 scale.

HAUL OF 34. PIECES.

Six Shops Burgled, but Dog Saves the Seventh.

A row of six shops in Clock House Parade, Beckenham, was broken into during the night. The barking of a dog stopped entry into the seventh shop—that of Mr. Pinchen, chemist.

Over £20 in cash, including 33s. in 3d. pieces, was taken from one till. In another case a bag of farthings was left behind.

HUMAN DRAMAS: Yesterday's Sidelights from the Courts.

Laundry Morals.—"I am afraid the morals of the laundry are not very high," said Mr. Routh, the Lambeth magistrate.

Stable Companions.—Stated to sleep in the stable with the animal, John Webb (60), a greengrocer, of Russell-st., Sydenham, was at Lambeth fined 35s, including costs, for ill-treating a donkey, which he was alleged to have kicked in the body.

Boat Race or Business?—Business! I wonder whether it is a football match or the Boat Race," exclaimed Mr. Ratcliffe Cousins at Greenwich when a defendant, who failed to answer a summons, wrote that "business prevents me from attending."

Wangled the Pass Book.—"I was short in my stock so I wangled the pass book," said Arthur Miles (30), a manager of Fairclough's, New Cross Gate, who, at West London was remanded in custody on a charge of embezzling £30 the moneys of his employers, Messrs. Greenfield and Sons, boot retailers, of Fulham rd.

Mother-in-law Blamed.—Summoned at Wandsworth for wife desertion, Alfred Lloyd Wharton, of Hackney, declared that he went away because his mother-in-law interfered between him and his wife, refusing to allow her daughter to have children by him. Magistrate: You should be man enough to deal with your mother-in-law. Defendant: I was with my wife was impossible under the circumstances, so I have now taken another partner. Defendant was ordered to pay his wife 25s. a week maintenance.

Rancher to be Deported.—Pleading guilty, Tex Cassidy (19), an American citizen, describing himself as a rancher, was at Clerkenwell sentenced to a month's imprisonment and recommended for deportation for stealing 25 19s., four 6s. postal orders, and a gold chain, from the bedroom of a hotel where he lived, and with failing to register as an alien. Cassidy, who was stated to have come over to Bristol on a cattle boat, said he came to London, thinking he might "make good."

Safety First.—Willenden defendant: The policeman said to me, "You've got your hands in your pockets." I said, "I know I have, and I just mean to keep them there."

Clerical Calligraphy.—When a witness at Willenden put in a letter from a vicar, the magistrate remarked, "I am saying nothing unnecessary about the reverend gentleman's handwriting, but I shall adjourn this case to enable him to come here and read it himself."

Prisoner Preferred.—"I will willingly do that for I can get better food and lodging in prison," said Alfred Jeffreys (20), when sentenced at Kingston to 21 days' hard labour for refusing to perform his allotted task whilst an inmate of the local branch workshop at Norbiton Common Farm, New Malden.

Scattered the Crowd.—Fined 40s. at Guildhall for driving a motor lorry in a dangerous manner, Frederick Rose, in the service of Stroud and Cox, Ltd., carriers, of old Kent-road, was stated to have pulled round the wrong side of a refuge and scattered a number of pedestrians who were crossing.

Offered but not Taken.—"I only wished to be friendly," said Wm. Geo. Peashey (45), a carman, of Lockington, Battersea, who at South Western was fined 7s. 6d. for disorderly conduct. P.C. Lake said that prisoner wanted to shake hands with him, but as he did not know him he refused. Prisoner then got angry, saying, "But for your clothes I would give you a hiding."

Met at Prison Gates.—"Not a very hearty reception," the Tottenham magistrate described the way the wife greeted her husband when he left a prison. Defendant, John Wells, of High Cross rd., was summoned by his wife for persistent cruelty. Complainant Weibb: I don't see more me outside the prison gates and aggravate me and try to get me into trouble. Wife: I did meet you. I came to see if you were coming out or had some "extra" to do. A separation order was granted, the wife being allowed 30s. a week alimony.

ORDER AGAINST BOY OF 15.

SCHOOLGIRL'S STORY IN A PATERNITY CASE.

Singular evidence was given at Merthyr (S. Wales) Police Court, during an action which resulted in an affiliation order of 5s. a week being granted against Evan Morgan, of Cardiff. Merthyr Vale, who was stated not to be quite 16 years of age.

It was stated that Morgan and complainant, Caroline Gilbert Hurcombe, of Angus-st., Troedyrhiw, a schoolgirl, not yet 15, met at a local fair, and that misconduct took place on that and subsequent occasions.

The girl, it was stated, subsequently became a regular attendant at the school clinic, but it was not until some considerable time that her condition was discovered.

A girl school companion admitted having written a letter to Hurcombe, commencing, "My Darling Sweetheart," and containing the passage, "You don't know how I yearn to see your beautiful face and kiss those moonbeam lips."

The boy Morgan denied the allegations, and said that he never went out by himself owing to poor health, but the magistrates said they could not accept the denial in face of the girl's positive evidence.

FIERCE GIPSY IN GAOL.

Assaults Police with Iron Bar and Frying Pan.

James Best, a powerfully built gipsy, was charged yesterday at Woking with stealing potatoes and also with assaulting the police.

The evidence showed that when P.C. Waterman asked Best to disclose the contents of a sack he threw it at the constable and bolted. Later he was found stripped and hiding under old clothes.

He rushed at the police with an iron bar, struck at them with a frying pan, and then attempted to assault them with a soaked iron bar.

Best was sent to prison for three months on each charge of assault (six months in all), and was fined for the theft.

"BOUGHT" HUSBAND AGAIN.

At Willenden, yesterday, when Leonard Cole of Dewsbury-rd., Dollis Hill, Cricklewood, was summoned for £30 in arrears on a maintenance order to his wife, Mrs. Cole said that this was the case where a well-to-do woman had "bought" her husband with a legacy left to her. He was still living with the woman, and complainant and her six children were in want.

The magistrate adjourned the case to enable defendant to pay the debt to his wife, and informed him that unless the money was paid he would be sent to a place where his well-to-do lady friend could not accompany him, and she would be deprived of his society for some time to come.

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NEW INVESTIGATION.

ALL-WOMEN COMMITTEE TO TACKLE PROBLEM.

Sir Montague Barlow, Minister of Labour, has appointed a committee to inquire into the present conditions as to the supply of female domestic servants, and in particular to inquire into the effect of the Unemployment Insurance scheme in this connection and to make recommendations.

Mrs. E. M. Wood (the daughter of the late Mr. Quintin Hogg, and sister of the Attorney-General) is to be the chairman of the committee, and the members will include Lady Asquith, Mrs. Harrison Bell, Mrs. Burgwin, Mrs. Cohen, Lady Procter, Miss Julia Vasey and Mrs. Winttingham, M.P.

Mrs. Burgwin, one of the members of the committee, told "The People" that the inquiry was very necessary, and a step in the right direction.

There was no doubt, she said, that employers required girls who were trained, and it was unfortunate that many a housewife was forced to over-work because of the difficulty in securing maids.

Interesting light on the efforts made by the Women's Training Centres to meet the demand for domestics was given by Miss Lillian Barker, C.B.E., J.P., of the central committee, in an interview with "The People." The work of the centres has been going since the beginning of the war.

The Central Committee, Miss Barker pointed out, was not an official committee, as many people imagined, but was first formed by the Queen in the early days of the war to relieve unemployment among women.

It was decided to form training centres, where skilled women, unable to find employment in their own professions, could be trained as domestic servants.

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CLEANER FOOD RIDDLE.

HOW INSPECTORS ARE HELD UP. LOCAL "INTERESTS."

"The People" recently drew attention to the public demand for the cleaner handling of food and for reforms in the cooking conditions in some of the restaurants. How sanitary inspectors are handicapped in their work is shown in the following article.

(By a Prominent Member of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association.)

I do not hesitate to assert that the public are almost entirely in the dark as to the perpetual war being waged for the protection of their health. In addition to his other multifarious duties the sanitary inspector is a highly-trained and qualified food inspector.

His knowledge must extend to food packed in tins and other containers, also to preservatives in foods. The records of prosecutions with regard to food prove the lynx eye of the sanitary inspector.

The taking of samples for analysis is another important part of the sanitary inspector's work. Many thousands of samples are submitted annually for analysis (for example during 1921 no fewer than 61,000 samples of milk alone were submitted), and the many and frequent prosecutions for adulteration show both the necessity and the usefulness of this work. By this means recently arsenic was found present in cocoa.

FREER METHODS WANTED.

In rural districts the local authority is too often dominated by the farmer, who is by no means anxious that his cows and cow-sheds should be frequently inspected; in the colliery districts it is the colliery proprietor; in the industrial districts it is the manufacturer; and in London, very frequently, the retail tradesman.

When it is realised that no prosecution is instituted without the order or approval of the local authority, it is easy to see how either by direct negotiation or by suggestion, the office of the Sanitary Inspector can be very largely reduced to a sinecure by interested parties.

As to remedies for the many weaknesses and loopholes in the supervision and inspection of food, one cannot do better than refer to the annual conference of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association at Margate, when resolutions dealing with the food question urged that the present laws be consolidated and strengthened, and that all persons engaged in the preparation or storage of food, should be licensed (such licences to be renewed annually). The conference urged the Government to strengthen the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and to introduce food standards which shall specify the minimum constituents of all such articles of food.

SUDDEN WEALTH BY LUCK.

FORTUNES FOR WINNERS OF "SWEEPS."

Sweepstakes on the big races have brought fortune to a few lucky people. Mr. Eli Howland, of Droylsden, near Manchester, won the first prize of £5,000 in the £10,000 "sweep" on the Lincolnshire Handicap promoted in Dublin in aid of cancer research. Mr. Rowland is a works foreman and a bachelor.

Mr. J. G. Sharp, hairdresser, of Seymour-st., Dublin, who got the second prize of £2,500, is thinking of getting married.

Third prize of £1,000 went to Mr. Harold Chapman, footman to Major Scott Murray, owner of Gerald L. Mr. Chapman is a bachelor.

Big fortunes have also fallen to competitors in sweepstakes on the Grand National. Three outstanding instances are—

£5,000, first prize in the Liverpool Newsroom Sweep.—Mr. Douglas Raby Wallisley, manager of Rea, Ltd., coal exporters, Liverpool.

£5,000, first prize in Duggins' Dublin Sweep.—Mr. L. W. Quincey, a civil service clerk, of Plum-lane, Plumstead.

£2,500, second prize.—Mrs. S. Rasey, wife of a glazier, of Bathurst-gardens, Willesden.

Acting upon a dream, a Rathfriland (Co. Down) man backed the winner of the Lincoln and put his winnings on Sergeant Murphy. He won over £5,000.

Miss Gracie Baker, one of the "Jazzagans" girls in "You'd be Surprised," dreamt about a horse decorated with white flowers. So she put £40 on White Bud at 100 to 1, and won £4,000.

THE LEGITIMACY BILL.

A Standing Committee, presided over by Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., passed the Legitimacy Bill, which amends the law relating to children born out of wedlock. Clauses were agreed to legitimising a child by the subsequent marriage of the parents.

A clause was struck out which stated that nothing in the Act should operate to legitimise a child whose father or mother was married to a third party when the child was born.

The Bill, as it now stands, declares that where the parents subsequently marry the children born to them before their marriage shall be legitimate, notwithstanding the child may have been born in circumstances which involved adultery.

The Bill was reported to the House.

MISCHIEF MAKERS BUSY.

Residents of Lynmouth, N. Devon, were surprised to see a number of ruined bathing tents come floating into the harbour.

It was afterwards found that they had been taken from a store on the cliffs and thrown into the sea. Iron railings which bordered a dangerous cliff path had been torn up and seats demolished.

TAKING THE "NOTS" OUT OF THE COMMANDMENTS.

HOW MODERN YOUTH CHLOROFORMS ITS CONSCIENCE.

By The Rev. FATHER DEGEN.

USE a mallet to exterminate an ant, a garden-roller for a snail, and weep salt tears and from my pulpit wall.

Over fashionable maidens' certain fate, For little girls whose dress is up-to-date I prophesy a murky, clammy snail With Charon. Let them tremble and turn pale.

As I crush them with the Church's Hail, gloves, silk blouses—all are vanities. The thought of them gives me such fiery pains.

That parked in cascock, stoic, and surplice dapper I pour a bucketful of cold disdain Upon fair fashion's latest artifice; Jupiter! How I hate a well-dressed dapper!

This poem from "The Pepper Pot," by Mr. Cyril Jocelyne, has recently been sent to me by two readers of "The People."

I mention that I also received it from the author himself on the date of publication last December.

It well illustrates the mentality of those critics who hold the view that manners and fashions are unworthy of the notice of the moralist or social reformer, and that heavy artillery should be reserved exclusively for big sins and loathsome vices.

Theoretically their contention has a plausible enough ring, but practical experience with the stubborn facts of everyday life proves that daring fashions, loose conversation, and highly seasoned jokes are invariably accompanied by a landed and a lost.

As a friend remarked to me, when we were sitting in the lounge of a West End hotel watching the ever-changing throng, the woman who smokes, who swears, and who tries to raise a laugh by introducing "naughty" expressions into her conversation, makes herself cheap, scares away the graceful attentions of the courtier and invites the flippancies and dare-devilries of the "bouncer" and the "rotter."

Conventions and good breeding are safeguards of maidenly virtue. They are fetters which chain up the "brute" that lies dormant in every human breast.

Emancipated Eve, obsessed as she is with the cult of masculinity, and devoid of feminine charm and grace, is one of the most formidable moral and social problems of the age and to her, as much as to any other cause, is attributable the anarchy and lack of discipline so characteristic of London home life to-day. And other cities and towns are taking their cue from the metropolis.

His series of articles has for its general title, "Has London Forgotten God?" To a very great extent the answer is in the affirmative. Take, for example, the general attitude towards sin which according to the Christian conception is primarily, and essentially an offence against God.

In the West End particularly, I found that where moral issues are at stake, God is treated as a negligible factor. Indeed the term "sin" has dropped out of common parlance. The West End "jibe" at its sharp severity and its solemn significance. It refuses to face unpleasant facts. It prefers to look the other way unless they are

camouflaged and masked out of all recognition.

"Having a topping time," "just a bit of fun," "you won't always be able to enjoy yourself, so make hay while the sun shines," "going the rig," "it is only mediocre, middle-class people are moral," "an hour of passion is better than a life-time of decorous marriage," were among the foxy phrases which I heard employed, both by gay young sparks of both sexes, and by their easy-going elders.

It seemed to me that they had recourse to these condoning euphemisms in order to chloroform their consciences. But as I pointed out to "Messieurs les Habitués" of a night club, while honeyed phrases may stupefy the mind for a time, they cannot alter the underlying foulness, any more than an affected spring-chicken friskiness combined with bobbed hair can reduce a woman's age from 27 to 17.

A wolf in sheep's clothing does not shed his fangs and claws, nor does the window-dressing of sin with choice flowers of speech make it any the less an act of rebellion against God.

Our civilization is in danger of falling to pieces. There is no controlling power or cementing force behind it except fear of exposure in a court of law. The "nots" have been taken out of the Commandments and transferred to the articles of the creed.

"Thou shalt commit adultery," "Thou shalt covet thy neighbour's wife," exemplify the Hebrew code as revised by a licentious age. "I do not believe in God the Father Almighty," "I do not believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son," "I do not believe in the resurrection of the body nor in life everlasting" is the way in which the Apostles' Creed runs when harmonised with the exigencies of modern egotism, sensuality, and materialism.

It is any wonder that the rising generation, reared in a feverish and voluptuous world, that has lost all faith in the spiritual and the supernatural should put up no sort of fight against the storms of passion and temptation which assail them.

Can we be surprised that many of them have incorporated into their practical philosophy of life the dangerous and wicked cynicism that the best way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it?

The remedy is to restore Christianity which, while not banning pleasures altogether, distinguishes between those which are wholesome and those which are poisonous. There is plenty of room in the Christian scheme for the clown, the flute-player, the saxophonist, the jazz-drummer, the girl dancer, and for innocent amusements of all descriptions, but pleasure must occupy only a subordinate position and not be allowed to develop into a paramount, insistent, and insatiable craving.

I have had much to say in condemnation of cocaine, opium, and other stupefying and demoralising drugs, but as Dean Inge remarked the other day, words are the most dangerous of all drugs.

Away with all this fraud, bluff, and hypocrisy! Let us call a spade a spade, and be prepared honestly and sanely to look the ugliest facts in the face. No improvement or moral uplift is possible unless it be built upon a foundation of sincerity.

Joseph Degen.

WOLVES AS FILM ACTORS.

ANIMALS IN ALASKAN DRAMA.

Strongheart, the wonderful dog-actor, is the star of a thrilling Alaskan drama, "Brawn of the North," which will be publically released in August. This film is of interest not only on account of its majestic setting in the eternal snowfields of the North-West, and the excellent acting of the human members of the cast who support Strongheart in his striking performance, but also for the introduction of a pack of real full-blooded Canadian timber wolves, who play a considerable part in the theme and whose leader, "Lady Silver," practically poses for the camera in true actor-fashion.

This is the first time these ferocious animals have been subdued sufficiently to enable the camera men to get within six feet of them for filming purposes. The producer, Mr. Larry Trimble, is said to be practically the only man who can master all living animals. In "Brawn of the North" he has succeeded admirably. It is a film to see more than once.

To-morrow's First Nights.—There are two premieres of super productions to-morrow evening. At the Palace "Peg of my Heart" replaces "Quincy Adams Sawyer," and at the New Scala "The Golden Rule" is being succeeded by "Peter the Great."

Distinguished and crowded audiences are expected at both theatres. "Wildest Africa"—an unusual, owing to insuperable difficulties arising from the present political situation in Germany, Mr. Kesteloff Holmes is unable to obtain a satisfactory title to the British rights of "The Passion Play" film from its German owners in time to present it at the special Holy Week matinees as had contemplated.

"Wildest Africa" will therefore be shown as usual during this week and on the evenings of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

"Hornet's Nest."—Florence Turner is the bright particular star of the Walter West production of Andrew Soutar's charming comedy, "Hornet's Nest," which was privately shown last Thursday. As the long-suffering but adoring wife of a little freckled and a husband, and as the mother of a big son she gives a performance without a jar, a gem of characterisation from beginning to end. Fred Wright as the husband has a more spectacular part perhaps, but it is a part brilliantly conceived and carried out—an excellent pendant to the performance of Miss Turner.

The story itself is a blend of humour, passion and tragedy, played in a setting of Sussex Downs. It will be released in six months' time on the British National programme.

"Tolable David."—The London premiere of "Tolable David," the first Herzogheim short story to be filmed, takes place to-morrow at the Globe Theatre, Acton. The star is Richard

LANDLADIES TO TELL.

WHEN STUDENTS ROLL HOME TO ROOST.

Cardiff is amused by a little white form. The authorities of the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire recently instituted a system under which the students' landlords are called upon every Monday morning to make a report to one of the professors. For this purpose they are provided with a little white form bearing these questions—

"Did the student enter or leave the house after 11 p.m. on any night during the week? If so, state what time he entered or left the house."

The students are not at all upset over the matter, which they say is easily put right if a little discrimination is used in the selection of landlords. If the landlady asks questions with a view to filling up the weekly form for the college authorities, the regular procedure is for the student to change his lodgings.

HOTEL BOOK SIGNATURES.

Lady Chichester Granted a Decree Nisi.

A decree nisi and the custody of her two children were granted Lady Chichester, of Herbert-crescent, Hans-place, S.W. London, as the result of her undefended petition in which she charged her husband, Sir Edward George Chichester, with adultery and misconduct.

Lady Chichester, with said the marriage took place on Jan. 5, 1915. They had two children, a son and a daughter.

On May 9 last she obtained a decree for the restitution of conjugal rights but her husband had not returned.

She identified an entry, "Edward Chichester" in the register of the Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, W.C., as being in her husband's handwriting, and said she believed the name which accompanied it "Mrs. E. Chichester, New-castle-on-Tyne," was also written by him.

MAYOR HELD TO RANSOM.

Nottingham University students have been successful in their campaign of raising a thousands pounds towards the local hospital. The Mayor and Sheriff, who were "held to ransom" until the money was collected, were liberated with great ceremony yesterday.

The Sheriff having contributed the final £100 required, the Mayor thanked the students, and the civic dignitaries were then driven off in a "prison motor" to the Mayor's parlour in the Exchange, where the success was toasted.

BETS WITHIN THE LAW.

HOW TO RAISE £4,000,000.

A NOVEL SCHEME.

By an Ex-Chief Constable.

The possibility of a tax on betting is a subject of much speculation, but the first question is, will Parliament legalise betting?

I served for over 30 years with the Police Service. Betting was always a difficult subject.

Betting is not a crime. It is in the eyes of the killjoys a social evil. So are drink and prostitution, but we legalise drink to reduce it to its minimum, and obtain at the same time a large amount for the revenue of the country.

I am satisfied that it is impossible to tax bets, but a method of taxing bookmakers could be adopted which would undoubtedly reduce betting, and, in many cases, save persons who had to find ready money from ruining themselves, as the tap would be stopped.

If Parliament decides to legalise betting the revenue obtained would amount to, say, £4,000,000, the cost of collection and supervision would not amount to 5 per cent. Bookmakers betting upon starting prices or ante-post betting in offices should be licensed by the Government, and pay a licence of £50 per annum, giving a deposit of £500 to the Government at 3 per cent., this sum to be utilised if necessary for disputed bets.

ISSUE OF TICKETS.

Bookmakers upon race courses should be licensed at £25 per annum, giving a deposit of £250 to the Government at a similar rate. The Government should print betting tickets and contracts, each ticket or contract to bear the licensed number of the bookmaker whether for ante-post, starting prices, or course betting.

They should also bear a consecutive betting number, and the bookmaker should, by the law, use a ticket or contract for every bet made, whether cash or credit. These tickets and contracts, if sold at even a penny each, would bring a substantial revenue. Every bookmaker would purchase with his licence a badge giving his number. His licence would contain his photograph, full description and address. The badge number would correspond with the number upon the betting tickets or contract, and given to the person making the bet.

Any unlicensed person taking a bet, or person making bets with such a person, should be liable to imprisonment without a fine. Government betting tickets may slightly pinch the odds, but the public will bet all the same.

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EASTER EGGS FOR GROWN-UPS.

WEIRD DESIGNS.

ALL SHAPES AND SIZES AND ALL PURSES.

By a Father.

The Easter-egg business is brisk this year. "Egg-actly as we egg-pected," said my sweetshop man, showing me a large selection of chocolate dainties that seem to get less like eggs every Easter.

Some of the chocolate-makers' efforts in the egg line are certainly enough to make any self-respecting chicken believe any sort of rumour. Bears, elephants, "Fumb-ups," dogs and Noah's Arks are all caricatured into egg-shapes to placate the appetite of the modern child. There are white eggs lined with pink, chocolate and marzipan specimens, and wondrous hollow concoctions which emanate a tempting rattle when shaken. However it was in the big stores that I found the most interesting specimens, many of which were obviously designed for "grown-up babies."

Some contained cameras, some silk stockings, manicure sets, bottles of scent and, of course, the inevitable fancy boxes of cigarettes. I found one of the largest specimens in Regent-st. It measured approximately two feet across, and, reposing



The cradle which surmounts the christening cake of Master Lascelles. It is a fine specimen of the silversmith's art, decorated with Cupids bearing the baby's initials and the Harwood coat-of-arms.

on the softness of its delicately upholstered material, rested a complete set of toilet requisites, executed in gold and tortoiseshell; and the price was not 10s. 6d.

Another monster specimen of imitation hen fruit was filled with every possible luxury "my lady" could require—a cigarette case, gold-plated silverware, long-handled powder puff, silver mirror, manicure set, scented soap, and a novel.

Silk stockings, however, seem to be the most popular gift that the attentive swain can send as an Easter greeting.

Apparently the egg-age is not determined by years, for one offering, encased in a decorative egg, was a doyley with a card bearing the words "For Granny."

After all, why should not she have her egg, even though it costs £2. I expect she would really much rather have a chocolate one, if she were asked.

Even King Tut, has an egg all to himself this year. An Oxford-st. shop boasts of quite a passable representation of the venerable gentleman, whose egg-like sarcophagus, brightly painted, contains various tempting gifts; evidently a gift for a "mummy."

BARGAINS IN BOOTS.

The well-known Phil Seal footwear, with Drip-proof soles and strengthened uppers, is being offered at exceptional prices. Men's boots and shoes, either black or brown, cost only 2s. a pair, and ladies' shoes 16/9. Catalogues may be obtained from Messrs. W. Abbott and Sons, Ltd., 63, Ludgate Hill, E.C.4.

LEFT IN LURCH ON WEDDING DAY.

GUESTS AT CHURCH.

GIRL'S £150 DAMAGES FOR "BREACH."

Miss Gladys Victoria Hunt, of Springfield-road, East Ham, was jilted on her wedding day by James Willey, of Belgrave-road, Walthamstow, a first-class petty officer in the Navy.

Before Mr. Justice Lush and a common jury, Miss Hunt sued for breach of promise. She was awarded £150 damages and costs. The jury said that War Savings Certificates and articles of furniture were a gift to her.

The judge pointed out that the certificates were an incomplete gift in law. It was agreed that defendant should undertake to transfer the Savings Certificates to the plaintiff and do everything necessary for her to obtain the money, the proceeds to be retained in part satisfaction of the damages.

Judgment was entered for the plaintiff on the counter-claim, which was for the return of the War Savings Certificates, money and articles which Mr. Willey, according to his story, had entrusted to Miss Hunt in anticipation of the marriage.

On March 20, 1920, Mr. Willey told Miss Hunt he would marry her in two years.

On April 24 Mr. Willey suggested that they should be married within a week and the young woman was agreeable.

Mr. Willey secured a special licence, and the wedding was fixed for one o'clock on May 1 at St. Bartholomew's, East Ham.

Shortly after eleven o'clock on the day fixed for the wedding, a Mrs. Cording, Mr. Willey's aunt, arrived. Miss Hunt's sister said to her pleasantly, "You have come in good time for the wedding."

Mrs. Cording replied: "I have come to stop the wedding, and if I cannot stop it here I am going to stop it at the church."

She afterwards went with Mr. Willey to tell the clergyman that the wedding could not take place. At 12.30 Sidney, the brother, arrived at the house. By that time Miss Hunt had got into her wedding dress, the motor-car was at the door, and the clergyman and the 40 guests were waiting at the church. Sidney said, "Jim has gone home, and the wedding is postponed."

On hearing that Miss Hunt fainted and was put to bed. She got up in the afternoon and saw Mr. Willey, who told her he did not love her, and would not marry her.

JOE BECKETT'S APOLOGY.

Satisfactory Ending to a Race Incident.

There was a satisfactory conclusion at Kingston Police Court to an incident at Hurst Park races in which Joe Beckett was concerned.

When the boxer appeared on a summons taken out by Mr. Albert Arthur Marks, President of the Bookmakers' Protection Association, charging him with using abusive language, Mr. Frampton, his counsel, said he was instructed to repeat the apology already tendered, and also to state that Mr. Marks would be indemnified in respect of any costs.

The chairman agreed to the summons being withdrawn.

NEW ISSUE.

The Abridged Prospectus of the Exporto Paper Mills, Limited, will be found on page 14.

WORKERS' SEARCHLIGHT.

By ANDREW BUCHANAN, J.P.

"Fly Catching."

The Agents of the Labour Party have an association of their own and a journal called the "Labour Organiser." In this month's issue advice is tendered to Socialist propagandists. "Don't shout Revolution! Social reconstruction sounds much more desirable. The average Britisher has a disinclination for revolution." This is an illuminating admission. The writer then concludes with the questionable compliment to British democracy: "More flies are caught with treacle than with vinegar." This all goes to prove what we have always asserted that Socialism will be "toned down" as time goes on.

Education Costs.

The Board of Education have issued a valuable statement on the cost of Education (Elementary) for England and Wales. The cost per child for 1920-21 is—

	£ s. d.
London	17 11 11
Counties	9 17 3
Boroughs (County)	10 15 4
Boroughs	9 16 6
Urban Districts	12 6 1

Analysis.

The estimates for 1921-22 show an increase in London making the total of £16 11s. 10. Analyzed the table is—

	£ s. d.
Teachers' Salaries	11 1 1
Loan charges	1 3 2
Special services	1 10 3
Administration	0 10 3
Other expenditure	3 15 7
	£16 11 10

"Other expenditure" includes rent, rates, taxes, insurance, fuel, light, repairs, cleaning and stationery.

The Socialist Debate.

The most telling point of the debate on Socialism in the House was made by Sir Alfred Mond, who asserted that "you could nationalise everything but ability." Mr. Philip Snowden has not yet grasped the fact that "State control" like arsenic, may be beneficial when taken in small quantities, but would kill the industries of the country if taken in large doses. A part of a grain might save a man's life, but a teaspoonful would kill a whole streetful of people.

White Australia.

While Mr. Philip Snowden is debating theories of Socialism in the House of Commons, we have Sir George Fuller (Premier of New South Wales) appealing to us to discuss the far more important problem of peopling Australia with British stock. "We cannot hold that great fertile, rich continent with a meagre six million people," he says. As J. R. Clynes said: "We want labour shifted from the place it cannot be used to the place where it can be used." This is a far more important question than Socialism. Talk about adding whilst Rome is burning. We're jassing whilst our millions are starving.

Trade Union Administration.

I received a week or more ago a long letter from a Liverpool trade unionist, asking that the "Searchlight" might be directed on Trade Union Administration. I prefer to do this in my own Guild Branch or Trade Council. Speaking generally, the expenditure of Trade Unions in 1919 exceeded by 50 per cent.

the total income from members in 1913. In 1913 the expenditure on benefits was 25s. 1d. per member, and in 1919 only 16s. Administrative expenses in that period (including Political Fund) increased from 8s. 9d. to 12s. 4d. per member.

Where's the Catch?

The annual report of the Independent Labour Party states that of the 141 members of the I.L.P. Also that the income for 1921-22 was £3,792, and for 1922-23 £16,359. The membership in 1921 was 31,118, but it is now stated that it is not significant that the membership has increased only since the months of the revised I.L.P. policy was striking change in the programme of departure from state socialism. Catch and effect!

Ex-Service Civil Servants.

My friend Mr. O'Connell, Secretary of the Association of ex-Service Civil Servants, tells me there are 3,000 men at Acton whose places should be taken by ex-Service men; that only 4 out of 56 of the principal officials in the Ministry of Pensions are ex-Service men; and that as the Civil Service contained before the war 282,000 and only 240,000 permanents to-day there is room for an additional 42,000. We shall agree that substitution should be rigidly enforced, but Mr. O'Connell should not stress the permanency policy. The people want the Civil Service reduced, not increased.

Bewar!

You will remember McTavish's visit to London. Well, he returned to Edinburgh by the 10 o'clock night train and bought a bottle of whisky on his way to the station in case of accidents. He got into a compartment with three others. He reached Edinburgh in an uproarious condition and found himself before the magistrates. In reply to a question as to how he got into such a plight, he replied: "Your Worship, I returned from London last night and got into very bad company on the train. There were three others in the compartment and they were all teetotalers."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS
1. (Preston).—Obed to hear from you. I shall try to write you soon. I am your secretary to write me and put the matter in order. A. W. (Liverpool).—See remarks above.

SUMMER TIME ON APRIL 22.

Smaller Period than in Previous Years.

Summer Time will begin this year at 2 o'clock, Greenwich Mean Time, on the morning of Sunday, April 22, and will continue until 2 o'clock, Greenwich Mean Time, on the morning of Sunday, Sept. 16.

Summer time last year commenced on March 25, and ended on Oct. 1, lasting for seven weeks longer than the period fixed for 1923. The Summer Time Act of last year, which reduces the period, was passed largely at the instigation of the farmers.

Durations of summer time in recent years were:—

1918.—March 24 to September 30.
1919.—March 23 to September 29.
1920.—March 22 to October 25.
1921.—April 3 to October 3.

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RAFFLES WITH A MONOCLE.

IMMACULATE DRESS OF
HOTEL THIEF.

Appearing in court immaculately dressed, Algernon Eaton Dallas Yorke, the monocled "Raffles," who posed as a son of a millionaire, was sentenced at Caterham, Surrey, to six months' hard labour for stealing £35 from the Valley Hotel, Caterham.

In passing sentence, another charge of stealing goods, valued at £80, from a house in Cambridge-st., Paddington, W., was taken into account.

A lengthy motor tour which Yorke made on the day he robbed the safe at the Valley Hotel was described by the chauffeur.

He was ordered to go to a house in Park-lane and take "Mr. Rockefeller McCormack" on a journey. When he got there Mr. Rockefeller was waiting on the kerb.

The chauffeur then drove to Caterham, visited the hotel, went on to the Guards' Depot, where Yorke remained nearly an hour at the officers' mess, discussing a proposed "war memorial."

Then the monocled passenger told the chauffeur to drive back to Park-lane, but this order he altered "to the stage door of the Hippodrome," and later altered it again to the Hotel Cecil.

Yorke ordered the car to fetch him from the Park-lane address in the evening, but when the chauffeur went there he found the house empty, and in the hands of a caretaker.

Det. J. Ellis said Yorke told him he was the son of John McCormack, the American millionaire, and had only just come from India. Afterwards he said:—

"You were lucky to get me, I was off to Scotland in the morning. I took the money from the safe. The key was in the lock, and it was a great temptation."

Supt. West, of the Surrey Police, proved eight previous convictions for theft, false pretences, and fraud in Aberdeen, Edinburgh, York and London.

£1,000,000 AIR CLAIM.

At the Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn, before Mr. Justice Sargent and the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors and the American Commission for the Adjustment of Foreign Claims, a claim for more than £1,000,000 was made by the Aircraft Manufacturing Company, Captain de Havilland, and Messrs. Petters, in respect of the use during the war by the American Government of the D.H.4 aeroplane.

Justice Sargent, who spoke of "the fantastic nature of the claim," reserved his decision.



A corner of the Concert Hall (with bar) at "The Rose," Edmund-st., Camberwell, S.E. which, as stated in "The People" last week, combines the comfort of a club with the needs of a public house. Hot meals are served and wireless concerts and dances held.

THE LOTTERY.

WIDOW'S UNHAPPY SECOND
VENTURE.

A second matrimonial venture that turned out unhappily was described to the Divorce Judge, when Mrs. Mary Ellen Stockton, of Blackstock-rd., Highbury, N. London, was granted a decree nisi against her husband, James Stockton, on the grounds of cruelty and misconduct.

Mrs. Stockton said that soon after the marriage in 1915 she found that her husband was addicted to drink. He treated her very cruelly. "I cannot say how many times he has struck me," declared petitioner.

On one occasion, she said, her husband threw a clock at her, and a man who tried to intercept the missile was cut in the hand. Some time before deserting her for another woman, in March, 1922, he dragged her out of bed and cut up her clothes.

Mrs. Stockton's counsel mentioned that the husband had entered into an agreement with regard to maintenance, under which the wife was to retain a cat-meat business, receive £100, and £1 a week until the child of the marriage reached 21 years of age.

According to a woman witness, the husband and a woman named Ada Hicks lived together in Caledonian-rd., North London.

JUDGE'S SCORN.

ALIENS WHO EXPLOIT
EX-SERVICE MEN.

"You will share the same disgust that I feel that ex-Service men should be exploited in places like Leeds by alien Jews. That these people should take to selling gas-mantles, tea, and so on, as disclosed in evidence, under the cover of ex-Service men is to me most revolting."

This statement was made by Mr. Commissioner Radcliffe at the Leeds Assizes in addressing the jury after they had returned a verdict of "guilty" against George Phillips (48), an ex-Service man, who was charged with obtaining credit, by incurring a debt of £50 3s. 6d. with intent to defraud.

Phillips was sentenced to nine months' hard labour. Abraham Karinsky, a Russian, of Stamford-street, Leeds, said he had been associated with Phillips in an ex-Service men's tea company and a similar gas-mantle organisation, although he (Karinsky) was not an ex-Service man.

An authority on poisonous plants, Mr. William Cornish (87) has died at Mitcham, Surrey. He was a leading figure in the lavender industry of 50 years ago.

"YOU DESERVE A FLOGGING."

HUSBAND CENSURED FOR
WIFE'S DEATH.

"As you are morally guilty of your wife's death I am sorry there is no punishment to meet your case." Mr. R. Kemp, the West Middlesex coroner, thus addressed Fred Doyle at the inquest at Park Royal Hospital on the man's wife, Eulalie Eliza Henrietta Doyle, aged 28, who died in the institution after having swallowed a quantity of lysol.

Doyle said that following a quarrel on Sunday morning his wife went out, and did not return till 6 p.m.

He admitted having struck her on that day with the tongue.

A woman neighbour said that Mrs. Doyle said to her, "He told me to do it, saying I should be better out of the way. I am dying."

"TREATED ABOMINABLY."

The Coroner, after further evidence, said he had no doubt that the woman's act was due to the constant domestic quarrels, for which her husband was responsible.

He seemed to have treated his wife abominably, and was deserving of the strictest possible censure.

It was a pity that he, as coroner, had no power to order him to be punished, as he deserved flogging.

A brother of Mrs. Doyle said that Doyle was a cur of the lowest water.

The Coroner: So far as the evidence goes, I am inclined to agree with you.

NO FLOWERS, NO WEDDING.

Comedy at a Register Office.

A comedy with the true feminine touch was enacted at a register office in the West-End of London.

When the bride arrived from a neighbouring hotel she did not hesitate to express disapproval of the purely businesslike aspect of the place.

"You told me you had arranged to have flowers and ferns brought in," she said reproachfully to the bridegroom.

The young man explained that he had thought that flowers were always supplied at weddings.

On the young woman intimating that if there were no flowers there would be no wedding, the bridegroom and the best man dashed out of the place, made a hurried tour of neighbouring florists' and returned in about a quarter of an hour, laden with sheaves of blossoms.

These were hastily arranged about the room. The girl apologised to the registrar for the trouble that had been occasioned and soon the couple left the place smiling happily as man and wife.

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KNIFE THE 'ONLY WAY.'

REPRIEVE HOPES.

(Exclusive to "The People.") There has been a sensational sequel to the dismissal of the appeal of Bernard Pomroy, the young Hemel Hempstead ex-soldier, against the sentence of death passed upon him for the murder of his sweetheart, the pretty daughter of a Boxmoor fruit farmer.

Although fully aware of the fate which awaits him, failing a special act of clemency by the Home Secretary, Pomroy has given to his brother, Mr. Harold Pomroy, his own version of what took place in the taxicab on the night of the tragedy.

This, which was exclusively narrated to me yesterday, I am able to reproduce. It was obtained during an interview which Mr. Harold Pomroy had with his brother in Pentonville Prison on Wednesday, two days after the condemned man's appeal had been dismissed.

"In a voice which at times was almost inaudible," said Mr. Pomroy, "he told me his story. I could see that he was suffering acutely, but I wanted to know the truth. This is the substance of what he told me."

"DON'T LEAVE ME."

"Soon after leaving Watford on the return journey to Leicester, Bernard told Alice that he was responsible for the condition of a girl who was about to become a mother, and that this meant that he and Alice must part. Alice was greatly upset and cried bitterly when she heard this.

"What is to be done?" she said, and Bernard replied he would do all that was necessary, meaning he was going to commit suicide, and drew the knife. He was then leaning forward, bent, swinging the knife by its handle between his knees.

"Alice said: 'Are you going to leave me after all this,' and he replied: 'Yes, I'm not in a position to do otherwise and this is the only way.'"

"There was a pause, and then Alice reached out for the knife, saying, 'Let me see it.'"

"With that she took the knife from his fingers, Bernard still remaining in a bent attitude, his left hand covering his eyes.

"Suddenly he heard a kind of gasp and looking round saw, to his horror, that Alice had cut her throat, and the shock caused him to give a shout.

"Alice half raised herself and turned round, facing the back of the cab in a doubled position.

"Bernard put his hand under her to give support, and in doing so his hand came into contact with the knife and sustained the cut on his finger."

"As she was in this position she said, 'Bernard, in a kind of half cry and that was the only word she uttered."

NIGHTMARE OF HORROR.

"Immediately after she twisted round again and sank to the floor, her hands dropped, and she went limp with knees drawn up.

"This is the position in which she was found at Vine-st.

"Bernard was so unnerved at this appalling scene that he did not even think to drive to a hospital.

"The tragedy occurred on the drive from Leicester to Hampstead. When the cab drew up at the house where he was in service, he realised it was useless to think of taking her in there. He told the caddy to drive back again to Leicester, and during the trip back decided to take the whole blame in order to clear Alice's name of the stigma of suicide.

"The girl he passionately loved was gone, and it did not matter to him whether he lived or died."

DECLINED LEGAL AID.

Pomroy, it will be recalled, when put on trial at the Old Bailey, declined to defend himself and refused offers of legal assistance.

Nor would he yield to the entreaties of his brother, Mr. Harold Pomroy, who wished to make a statement on his behalf.

Even the passing of the death sentence left him almost unmoved, and stood with an enigmatic half-smile on his face during an ordeal which few men are able to undergo without emotion.

Indeed, but for his eleventh hour alteration of the distress his indifferent attitude was causing his relatives, and more especially his aged mother, there is little doubt that he would have gone to the scaffold without breaking silence.

Finally, however, he decided, for his mother's sake, to tell his story of the tragedy, and appealed against his conviction.

Unfortunately he left this until it was too late, and when, white-faced and dejected, he appeared in the Court Criminal Appeal, with his shirt open to the neck the only evidence admitted was such as would indicate that the time of the tragedy his mind was unimpaired.

When the Lord Chief Justice announced the decision Pomroy got up, looking dazed, turned smartly on his heel and walked between the warders from the dock.

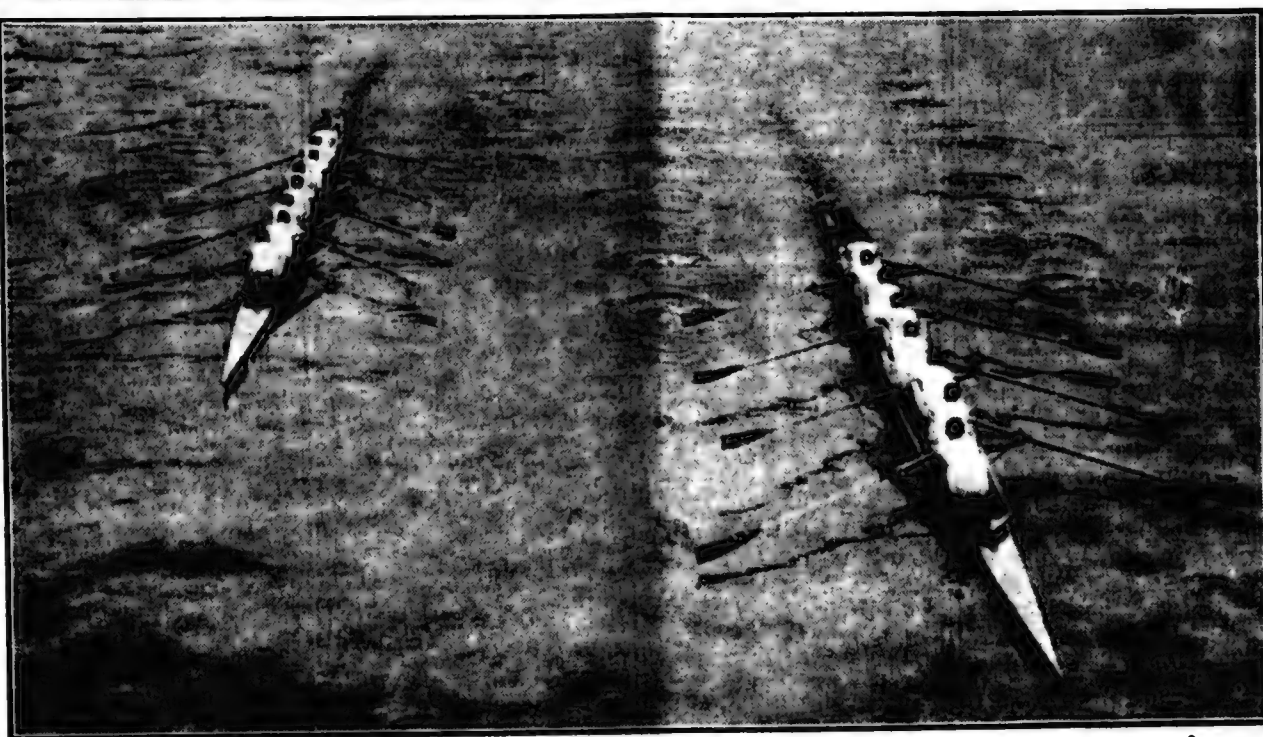
Bernard was very disappointed at the result of his appeal, said his brother to me.

He was also disappointed because he had not been allowed to tell his story.

"I know it is only for our sakes that he wants to live. But he should have been given a chance to make a statement. He had saved it for what he considered to be the proper occasion, and had only marked his appeal papers 'I'm innocent.'"

"But we shall not relax our efforts to save him, and if the authorities save him they will not shake our faith in his innocence."

"For we know that Bernard above all things always speaks the truth."



The Crews as they passed under Hammermith Bridge, Oxford holding the lead.

FIFTH TRANSFUSION.

CHAMPION BLOOD GIVER'S GOOD LUCK.

For the fifth time Sergeant Lee, of King's Cross, has given a quantity of his blood for transfusion at the Middlesex Hospital.

The patient, a man, is progressing nicely, and Sergeant Lee reports that he is "still in fine condition."

The transfusion lasted half-an-hour, and involved a pint of blood—bringing Lee's record up to nearly nine pints.

Sergeant Lee is loud in his praises of "The People." While selling matches some 10 days ago in Leicester, a man approached him, and, showing him a recent cutting from "The People," which told of Lee's several operations and stated that he wanted work, offered him an eight-days' carpentering job.

"And my luck still holds," said Lee, yesterday to a representative of "The People." On Easter Sunday I start work as a porter at the Middlesex Hospital, where they have been more than kind to me.

"So, now," he added, smiling, "I shall always be 'on tap' if more blood is wanted."

SURPRISED THE LADY.

Early Morning Intruders in a Chelsea Bedroom.

An early morning surprise for a Chelsea lady in her bedroom was described at Kingston yesterday when Henry John Smith (24), a film artist, of Gloucester-st., Pimlico, was remanded, charged with being concerned with another man not in custody in breaking into 11, Jubilee-place, King's-road, Chelsea, and stealing three gold watches, a gold cigarette case, a fountain pen, and other property, value £75.

Accused was originally arrested at Moulmouth on a charge of stealing a motor-cycle and a car at Northam, when among the articles found on him was a fountain pen and a cheque, alleged to have been stolen from the lady's house.

Mrs. Terry said that at 2.30 on the morning of February 24 she was awakened by two men in her bedroom. As it was dark, she was unable to see the men's faces, and she could not identify accused. When the men ran away she dashed after them, but failed to overtake them. She identified as her property a fountain pen and a cheque found on Smith.

Det. Lewis stated that prisoner had admitted selling two of the stolen watches in London. An entry to the house had been effected by the breaking of a fanlight window over a door.

Accused, in a statement to Det. Lewis, said he knew nothing about the burglary and did not take part in it, adding that he was doing all he could to help the lady recover her property. He also said that the cheque found on him was given to him by a man whom he knew as Clements.

MISTRESS ACQUITTED.

Servant Girl's Mysterious Wounds on Head.

After a hearing lasting three days, Bertha Greag, wife of a ship's cook, was yesterday acquitted at Guildford of a charge of wounding Bessie West, a servant in her employ, by cutting her head with a chopper.

Defendant declared the girl's story was untrue. She could give no explanation how she received the injuries except that she was attacked by some goats. The girl had said that she fell down.

It was stated that the girl had made similar allegations against other employers, including a clergyman.

HANGED FROM BEDSTEAD.

At the inquest at Hackney yesterday, on a woman named Blanche K. R. Macleod (46), of Par. Cornwall, it was stated that she was found hanging in a ward at an asylum in Finsbury Park, N.

The woman had lifted the bedstead on to the end to obtain a high elevation and then hanged herself from it with a scarf.

A verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind" was returned.

"MAGDA" REVIVAL.

GLADYS COOPER'S INSPIRED ACTING.

To play Dora in "Diplomacy," Paula in "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," and Magda, is the aim of every ambitious young actress. Gladys Cooper has already proved the quality of her histrionic powers in the first two roles, and it was, therefore, quite in the order of things that she should add the last to her gallery of emotional heroines.

Sundermann's play, revived last night at the Playhouse, is a purely theatrical piece of work, with a big scene for Magda in the second act. Gladys Cooper's acting in this scene was magnificent.

In the earlier and subsequent episodes of the play Miss Cooper carried off before her. Her Magda was an inspired piece of acting.

GOOD NEWS FOR HUT DWELLERS

Unemployed Men Not to Leave Their Homes Yet.

Notices to quit, affecting 250 men residing at the Edgewood Hostel, Abbey Wood, have been withdrawn. This information was announced by Mr. G. W. F. Garrett, M.P., at a meeting of the men at the Hostel last night.

The hostel is a range of huts on the main road inhabited principally by unemployed men, who appealed for an extension of time in order to give them an opportunity of obtaining employment and other accommodation.

Through the good offices of Mr. Garrett the Office of Works has agreed to an extension up to July 31. Mr. Garrett also hopes to get a further period of time of at least another year from the incoming owners.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

Scotland Yard Hunt for Missing Garage Proprietor.

Scotland Yard has issued a description of a missing garage proprietor who is wanted on a warrant for alleged conspiracy to defraud.

The man is Hugh David Lindsay, or Hugh David Lindsay Findlay, late of Duke-st. Garage, Duke-st., Marylebone, N.W. He is 45, height 5ft. 10in., thin build, sallow complexion, hair and moustache grey, very deep-set eyes, sunken cheeks, side teeth gold, dressed in grey herring-bone or heavy dark woollen overcoat with deep lapels, trunks hat with brim turned down, of good appearance and dress.

He is believed to be accompanied by a woman, aged about 25, tall and thin, pale complexion, fair hair, dressed usually in grey costume with ginger fox fur, or brown coat with brown fur collar.

THIS MORNING'S LATEST LINES.

Hundreds of acres of cabbages in West Lancashire are being ploughed under, the farmers being unable to sell them. Eggs are plentiful and are selling at a penny each.

William Marshall, a frequent winner at point-to-point meetings, was thrown from a horse he was training at Golden, co. Tipperary, and his neck was broken. He died shortly afterwards.

Kept busy by Rent Act—Judge Parfitt remarked at Clerkenwell County Court that he had tried over 1,700 cases brought under the Rent Act.

Van and Tramcar—A green grocer's motorcar collided with a Birmingham tramcar yesterday. The van was overturned and its three occupants thrown out. No one was seriously injured.

Speed and Truth—Dealing with a running-down case at Alderbury County Court, Judge Stanley Hill said he never took the slightest notice of witnesses called to give evidence as to the speed of motor-cars.

Tramcar's Escape—Railings at the side of the Thames at Kingston prevented a motorcar, driven by Major Paul Gratton, of Thames Ditton, from being thrown into the water, following a collision in which Major Gratton was seriously injured.

Mayor takes the Plunge—Asked to declare open at Greenwich the renovated public baths at Greenwich, the Mayor, Councillor Walter J. Womersley, has intimated that instead of making a speech he will plunge into the bath, accompanied by the Mayor's, and swim a length.

LORD BIRKENHEAD'S PARTY.

DINNER IN HONOUR OF LORD BALFOUR.

Some significance is attached in political circles to the dinner given to the Earl of Balfour on Friday night by the Earl of Birkenhead at his house, 22, Grosvenor Gardens. The following guests were present:

The Earl of Balfour, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, M.P., the Duke of Cambridge, Earl Farnham, the Earl of Crawford, Viscount Lee of Fareham, Viscount Astor, Lord Warrgrave, Sir Laming Worthington Evans, M.P., Sir Ernest Pollock, M.P., Sir Leslie Scott, M.P., Sir William Bull, M.P., Sir Philip Sassoon, M.P., Sir Francis Lowe, M.P., Lieut.-General Sir A. Hunter Weston, M.P., Sir Robert Burton Chadwick, M.P., Sir Joseph Hood, M.P., Mr. G. W. H. Jones, M.P., Sir Walter Freese, M.P., Sir Howard Kingsley Wood, M.P., Sir Harold Smith, M.P., Mr. J. L. Garvin, Sir Robert Newman, M.P., Sir Walter de Frece, M.P., Sir James Aggrey-Gardner, M.P., Sir Walden Chicheat, M.P., Colonel Grant Morden, M.P., Lieut.-Colonel Moore Braddon, M.P., Mr. T. R. Renner, M.P., Sir Robert Horne, M.P., Mr. Patrick Ford, M.P., and Commander O. Locker-Lampson, M.P.

The guests were invited especially to meet Lord Balfour.

The chief guest's health was drunk with great enthusiasm, and in reply Lord Balfour declared that his action five months ago at the Carlton Club was justified, and would be still more justified as time went on.

Speeches were also delivered by Mr. Austen Chamberlain and several other ex-Ministers.

CUPID IN KINDLY "CUSTODY."

Police Ambulance Conveys Cripple to His Wedding.

A police ambulance was used to convey Mr. Frederick Booth, of Huddersfield, to his wedding yesterday.

Mr. Booth is a cripple and unable to walk.

RAILWAYMEN CHORISTERS.

Successful Performance at Queen's Hall.

The Great Eastern Railway Company has even chosen to congratulate itself on the success of the Bohemian Concert held at Queen's Hall last night. In addition to such well-known soloists as Robert Radford and Agnes Nicholls, the Society had the services of the Male Voice Choir, which compared favourably with any that London has heard for some time.

Their rendering of the Triumph Song from "Salome" was most spirited, and their part songs were sung with beautiful tone and artistic phrasing.

Robert Radford's exuberant "Fant" was especially given, and Agnes Nicholls sang "Ocean's Nightly Monitor" with fine effect, to an accompaniment provided by the Society's orchestra.

Altogether a very successful and enjoyable evening.

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Mr. Edward Pilkington, of Alderley Edge, Colliery proprietor, who died in December last, left £25,525.

He left annuities to a number of servants.

Electricity Commissioners have sanctioned a plan to extend their electrical works Diesel plant is to be installed.

Depressed Old Age—Mr. Malcolm Murray, 77, of Redhill-villas, Burnt Oak, Hendon, was found dead with a revolver in his side. He is said to have been depressed owing to ill-health.

Bricklayers Abroad—During the slow progress of house building in this country over 100 bricklayers and binders sailed from Liverpool yesterday for Canada.

Profile Saw—A saw, owned by Mr. Robert Stokes, of the Anchor Hotel, Friskney, near Boston, Lincolnshire, has given birth to 23 fine young pigs, probably a record litter.

All Through a Bee—At Battle (near Hastings) yesterday a humble bee fell between the driver of a motor-car and a lady who was riding beside him. The man turned to look at it and ran into a ditch. Two of the passengers were injured.

Find of Old Coins. While employed on a building site at Brixley Hill (Staffs.), some workmen discovered between 80 and 90 coins, bearing dates between 1812 and 1814. They were arranged in little piles. Some apparently are trade tokens, while others are George III. coins of various denominations.

A BUDGET FOR ALL.

DUTIES REMOVED AD. LIB.

CHANCELLOR'S FUN.

"I am being hunted at present like the hart upon the mountains. I have no peace."

This humorously pathetic utterance was one of the phrases with which Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Chancellor of the Exchequer, achieved laughter and applause in an after-dinner speech at the Press Club last night, when he was the guest of the evening.

One question which Mr. Baldwin was called upon by a member to answer is of particular interest to the community at large.

"Is it your intention to take 2d. off the punt?"

The Chancellor was equal to the occasion.

"I will ask the honourable member," he said, "to await the Budget statement."

"The only honours in this world worth having are those you cannot buy, and this is one of them—to be in this room at your dinner to-night. I know you have asked me in the proper spirit—an invitation extended by a number of working men who love their jobs to another working man who loves his job."

THE FOOD PLANK.

"It is very interesting to find that even here there seems to be some interest taken in the finance of the country."

I found when I was in America that they were taking some interest in finance, both in their own and in ours, and I was very interested to find that among the possible presidential candidates at the next election was our old friend, Mr. Henry Ford.

"I was told that he was going to stand on two planks—one was the abolition of all interest, which I think is very self-denying of him, and the other was the introduction of the kilowatt dollar. I am not quite sure what that means, but I am told he is enthusiastic about it."

"I am very anxious, and I am sure every journalist will feel with me, to have what is called a popular Budget. I am not myself, as I have often said, a believer in brilliancy or imagination in finance. I have seen something of that in the last year, and one of the most brilliant and imaginative is now doing time, and I think it is quite possible he may be joined before the year has gone by others who pursue that kind of financial emotion."

"One friend of mine suggested twopence off beer. Well, let us have twopence off beer, or threepence, perhaps, would be better."

"But I do not think we ought to do that unless we manage to reduce the price of whisky. We will bring that down to about 7s. 6d. a bottle."

"Tobacco, I think, we ought to bring down considerably. I want to be popular in these matters. And as to sparkling wines, I think we might take off that war duty. We could do some of these things by suspending the sinking fund, funding pensions, and telling America that we shall be quite incapable of meeting any of the debt charges this year."

How I did it

"A HEAVY crash in the middle of the night! Burglars? No. The plate rack had fallen. Broken plates everywhere and four ugly holes in the wall, again. They can't hold a weight because they only rest in the wall, they don't grip the wall."

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